

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please add the following paragraph at the end of the specification and claims as the abstract.

--ABSTRACT

Method of treating a blood product which contains a nucleic acid-containing pathogen to be inactivated. One such method involves forming a mixture comprising a blood product, free psoralen, and low molecular weight psoralen photoproducts, and contacting the mixture with a hypercrosslinked resin to remove at least substantially all of the free psoralen and the low molecular weight psoralen photoproducts. A hypercrosslinked resin in this method preferably eliminates a wetting step that a number of other types of resins require before being used to adsorb the pathogen inactivating compound.--

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